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	TITLE OF INVENTION A NEEDLE OF THE BIOPSY TYPE OR FOR TAKING OTHER SAMPLES FROM HUMAN OR ANIMAL ORGANS										
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2	Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:										
,	1.	[X]	This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.								
	2.	[ ]	This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.								
	3.	[X]	This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).								
	4.	[]	A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.								
	a. [ ] is transmitted herewith (required only If not transmitted b. [X] has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. [ ] is not required, as the application was filed in the United				,						
u u	6. [X] A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).										
	7. [ ] Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c) a. [ ] are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).  b. [ ] have been transmitted by the International Bureau.  c. [ ] have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired that the proof been made and will not be made.										
H. H. H.	8.	[]	A translation of the amendments to t	the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 L	J.S.C. 371(c)(3)).						
(=)		[X]	An oath or declaration of the invento	r(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).							
T. W.	10.	[]	A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).								
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	12.	[]	An assignment document for recordincluded.	ng. A separate cover sheet in compli	iance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is						
		[X] [ ]	A FIRST preliminary amendment. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT prelim	ninary amendment.							
	14.	[]	A substitute specification.								
	15. [ ]		A change of power of attorney and/or	address letter.							
	16.	[X]	Other items or information: Formal Drawings (4 sheets) Copy of Express Mail Receipt No. EV Copies of Cited References (4)	7071197677US							

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